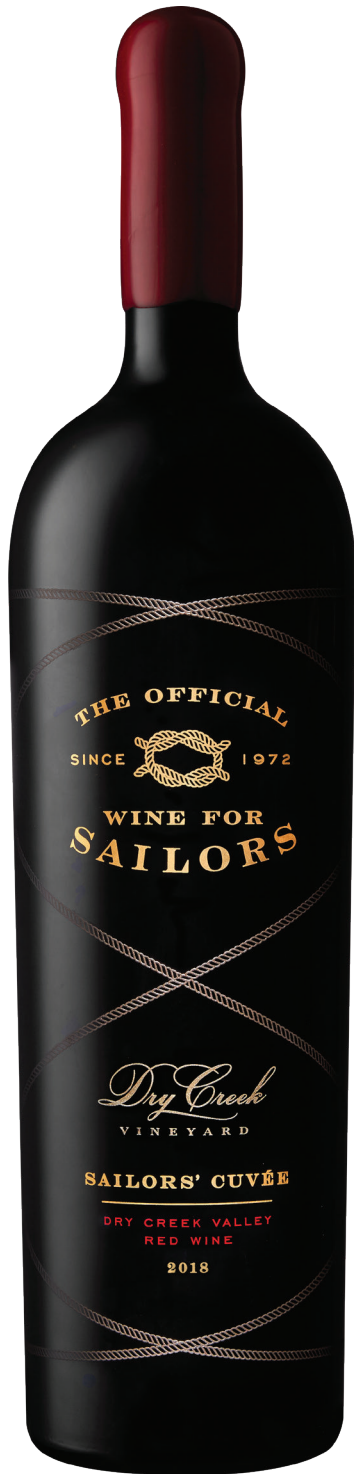




## 2018 SAILORS' CUVÉE – RED WINE

Dry Creek Valley



### HISTORY

Sailing and winemaking are both a fine art, demanding skill, discipline, and determination of a group of people committed to the same goal. However, they also bring fun and adventure to their craft. A celebration of both sailing and winemaking, the Sailors' Cuvée exemplifies our commitment to producing the finest wine from the Dry Creek Valley. Aged in oak barrels for 18 months, this memorable wine is supple, elegant, and stylish – much like the handsome silkscreened bottle commemorating our love of the high seas.

### GROWING SEASON

Following a long growing season characterized by cooler than normal temperatures throughout the spring and summer, the 2018 harvest started 5–8 days later than the past several years. The milder temperatures afforded the luxury of a longer hang time for the grapes, allowing them to fully mature while retaining a high level of acidity. Overall, the harvest was plentiful with some vineyards producing higher than average quantities. The season ended with the ideal combination of warm days and cooler nights which enabled the high quality of grapes to thrive while developing complexity and nuance.

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

This one-of-a-kind wine exhibits rich aromatics of black currant and raspberry with hints of coriander and mocha. The first sip reveals flavors of boysenberry and black cherry, and a return to the glass brings notes of marzipan, sweet tobacco and dried herbs. With a full palate, this wine displays great structure and texture from its firm tannins, with a bright, harmonious acidity. The finish lingers on with superb balance and depth, reflecting the *terroir* beautifully.

### BLEND

69% Cabernet Sauvignon  
14% Merlot  
7% Malbec  
6% Petit Verdot  
4% Cabernet Franc

### FERMENTATION

10–18 days in fermenters at 82–88°F;  
pumped over twice daily

### BARREL AGING

19 months in French and  
Hungarian oak; 44% new oak

ALCOHOL | 14.1%

BRIX | 24.4

PH | 3.58

TA | 6.3 g/L

### HARVEST DATES

October 8–20, 2018

VINE AGE | 9–23 years

### SOILS

Hillside vineyards with gravelly loam

### YIELDS

2–3 tons per acre